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1. I DREW ON REFTELS A AND B DEC 17 TO UPDATE FONMIN  
FRED WILLS ON ANGOLAN SITUATION WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS  
ON CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT. WILLS NODDED AGREEMENT WITH  
ASSESSMENT MILITARY SITUATION AND SHOWED ACTIVE INTEREST  
IN CONTENT PARAS 5 AND 6 REFTEL B REGARDING ATTITUDES OF LA  
DIPLOMATS IN HAVANA AND UNPOPULARITY OF ANGOLAN VENTURE AMONG  
CUBANS.

2. WHEN I SHARED WITH HIM SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL C, WILLS  
COMMISERATED WITH DIFFICULTIES HIS GOOD FRIEND AMB. WILKOWSKI  
MUST BE FACING IN SORTING WHEAT FROM CHAFF OUT OF LUSAKA RUMOR  
MILL. HE ADDED GOG HICOM GRANT WAS KEEPING IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH  
CUBAN AMBASSADOR FOR INTELLIGENCE PURPOSES (LAUDABLE) BUT TENDING  
TO TAKE WHAT CUBANS TELL HIM AT FACE VALUE (UNFORTUNATE). FOR  
THIS REASON, AND TO INSURE THAT TUYANA'S IMPWICION#THE SCENE IS  
PROPERLY FOCUSED, WILLS SAID HE BROUGHT BACK TO GEORGETOWN THIS

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WEEK FOR BRIEFING GRANT'S DEPUTY SINCLAIR.

3. TO ELIMINATE AMBIGUITY, WILLS WENT ON, HE CLEARED INSTRUCTIONS TO SINCLAIR IN THIS WEEK'S CABINET SESSION, AND OBTAINED REAFFIRMATION OF GOG POLICY OF SUPPORT TO OAU AND CONSENSUAL SOLUTION. ACCORDINGLY, WILLS IS SENDING SINCLAIR BACK WITH MANDATE TO GRANT TO INFORM KAUNDA THAT GOG WILL NOT RPT NOT DESERT HIM LIKE OTHER QUOTE RATS UNQUOTE. AT SAME TIME, GRANT IS BEING TOLD TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH CUBAN AMBASSADOR, BUT TO QUESTION HIM CLOSELY ON CUBAN MOTIVES FOR INTERVENTION, AND NEEDLE HIM ON SCORE OF BEING SOVIET CATSPAW. GRANT ALSO BEING INSTRUCTED TO VISIT MOZAMBIQUE MORE FREQUENTLY, WITH SPECIAL MISSION OF DEVELOPING CONTACT WITH KATI KAZA, TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR TO MOZAMBIQUE WHO, WILLS ALLEGES, IS KEY FIGURE BECAUSE HE HAS BEEN GIVEN FREE HAND BY NYERERE TO MANEUVER TACTICALLY AMONG VARIOUS CONTENDING ELEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF GOT POSITION FAVORING MPLA.

4. REFERRING TO TIDE OF MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS, WILLS SAID RUEFULLY THAT RECENT MPLA GAINS HAVE BEGUN TO HAVE EFFECT ON MORE RADICAL MEMBERS OF GUYANA CABINET. HE FEELS SUPPORT FOR KAUNDA AND OAU WAVERING AND FEARS THAT ANY FURTHER MILITARY VICTORY BY MPLA, OR EVENT WHICH IS SEEN AS SIGNIFICANT TILTING OF BALANCE IN FAVOR OF MPLA, COULD VERY EASILY CAUSE CABINET TO QUOTE GET ON MPLA BANDWAGON UNQUOTE.

5. I ASKED WILLS HOW HE VIEWED PROSPECTS FOR OAU COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING DEC 19. HE SAID IN SPITE OF TREND TOWARD MPLA AMONG AFRICAN STATES, HE STILL BELIEVES THERE IS SUFFICIENT WEIGHT ON SIDE OF THOSE FAVORING COALITION TO AVOID STAMPEDE. WILLS BELIEVES KAUNDA HAS UNDIMINISHED MORAL STATURE AMONG SMALLER STATES, AND HE PUTS GREAT STORE IN AFRICAN MYSTIQUE (AS HE CALLS IT) OF QUOTE CHAIRMAN'S AUTHORITY UNQUOTE, WHICH ACCORDS AMIN KEY ROLE. WILLS ALSO ENCOURAGED BY OUTCOME OF UNGA MANEUVERING LAST WEEK ON ANGOLAN QUESTION.

6. ON RELATED SUBJECT OF GOVERNING PNC PARTY DELEGATION TO MEETING OF CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY THIS WEEK (REFTEL D), WILLS SAID HE BRIEFED PNC CHIEF DELEGATE, GOG MIN NATURAL RESOURCES HUBERT JACK, TO MAKE TWO POINTS TO CUBANS ON ANGOLA:

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A. COMPLIMENT THEM ON DEMONSTRATED ABILITY TO MOBILIZE GENUINE FIGHTING UNIT AT SUCH GREAT DISTANCE FROM CUBA (COMMENT: MOST LIKELY DESIGNED TO LAY FOUNDATION FOR POSSIBLE CALL BY GOG FOR CUBAN HELP IN EVENT OF VENEZUELAN INCURSION TO SUPPORT ITS CURRENTLY FROZEN TERRITORIAL CLAIM).

B. BUT ASK CUBANS POINTEDLY HOW THEY RECONCILE ARMED INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA WITH THEIR PROFESSED BELIEF IN INTERNATIONAL

SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY, SINCE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THOROUGHLY  
DIVIDED ON ANGOLAN ISSUE.  
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